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WEATHER FORECAST.
FAIR.

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SHEWAN COY. LD. CHINA

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

IMPERIAL DOCLILITY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 29, 9.20 a.m.
The Throne has replied to the demands of the revolutionaries, signifying its willingness to accept the decision of a representative conference, irrespective of the form of government which it decides on.

PRACTICAL ABDICATION.

Bombay, Dec. 29.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that the Dowager Empress, Yuan Shih-kai and the Manchu Princes have discussed the proposals of the Shanghai Conference.

The Throne has agreed to accept a scheme for a further conference with a wider representative character and has instructed the Cabinet to draw up regulations for its inauguration. The Throne is willing to accept any form of Government that the Conference decides upon.—Reuter.

A PRINCE ABDUCTED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 28, 4.10 p.m.
The Korean Prince Min has been decoyed to a native city and held to ransom for the sum of 2,500,000 by revolutionaries. He was released after endorsing his bank deposit receipt, which the revolutionaries discovered.—(Special Service.)

SITUATION CHANGED.

Durban, Dec. 28, 7.35 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Shanghai the arrival of Dr. Sun Yat-sen threatens to change the situation. It is expected that he will be elected president of the United Provinces of China and will proclaim a continuance of the campaign unless the Manchus surrender.

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

NEWS FROM SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

The delegates, who have arrived at Nanking from the various republican provinces, have fixed to-morrow as the day for the election of a provisional president.

Ku Ngo, who was arrested at the instance of Wong Hing on a charge of plotting against the Republican Government has now been handed over to Ching Tak-chuen, the Governor-General of Kiangsu for trial.

Wuchang and Hanyang were declared neutral places yesterday.—"Sheung Po."

H.E. Yuan Shih-kai has wired to H.E. Tang Shao-yi that the terms demanded by the revolutionaries must be subject to submission to the National Congress to be opened for the purpose of considering and deciding the terms.

The revolutionaries of Shensi have joined those of Honan, and have declared independence, with Chu Fook-yu as their Governor-General.

The Imperialists under the command, Yin Sik-kwong have fled, and H.E. Chen Yiu-lam, the Governor of Honan, is dead.—"Shat Po."

BOTTOMLEY'S AFFAIRS.

HUGE LIABILITIES.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Durban, Dec. 28, 11.5 p.m.

At a meeting of creditors Mr. Horatio Bottomley estimated his indebtedness at £170,000, and assets at £47,000. The Official Receiver expressed the opinion that the debts were greater, as proofs which had been lodged had amounted to £213,000.

He thought that the assets must be regarded as very doubtful realizable value.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

INTERESTING FORECAST.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Durban, Dec. 28, 10.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that the "Nevoye Vremya" foreshadows a provisional administration at Tabriz with a Russian governor, and chief of police, with financial control and exclusively Russian tribunals.

RUSSIA'S REPRESSIVE MEASURES.

Durban, Dec. 28, 7.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg states that it is announced that as the Persian Government is powerless to punish authors of the anti-Russian outbreaks at Tabriz, Resht and Enzeli, the Russian Government has directed the Russian commanders to take the severest repressive measures, including the arrest, and court martialling of the assailants of Russian troops, the disarmament of Fidaïs and other troublesome native elements, and the destruction of places, where resistance might be offered.—Reuter.

MR. SMART WOUNDED.

Via Bombay, Dec. 28, 2.10 p.m.

The Teheran correspondent of Reuter states that the sowars attacked on the 27th numbered 100, and they lost two killed and seven wounded. Two are missing. They are now holding a position at Kazerun, and 150 sowars, commanded by Colonel Douglas, are hurrying to reinforce them. Mr. Smart, the British Consul at Shiraz, whom the sowars were escorting, was left behind when the escort retreated, and it is reported he is lying wounded in a caravan about eight miles from Kazerun.—(Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

SPAIN IN MOROCCO.

HEAVY FIGHTING.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Bombay, Dec. 28.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent states that the fighting round Melilla was extremely heavy and that the Rifians were decimated. The Spanish General Roa was wounded.

The operations continue.

FRANCE AND SPAIN.

Much bad blood is making between France and Spain by reason of wholesale assassinations, in which General Llorente, Minister for War, participated, that the French were stirring up the Rifians and giving them supplies.

The Premier's own condemnations of these charges, however, argue badly for the success of the Franco-Spanish negotiations.

RIFFIANS DRIVEN BACK.

A large Spanish force assumed the offensive on Dec. 27 and drove the Rifians, punishing them the while, along the Kert River.—Reuter.

THE GALE.

A STEAMER FOUNDERS.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Via Bombay, Dec. 28, 2.10 p.m.

The correspondent of Lloyd's at Lisbon wires that the British ship "Highlander," bound from Smyrna for Dublin, foundered in the Bay of Biscay on December 21st. Two of the crew have been picked up, the others being drowned.—(Reuter.)

THE KING.

SHOOTING SUCCESSES.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Via Bombay, Dec. 28, 2.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Calcutta states that his Majesty the King has shot thirty leopards and thirteen rhinoceroses in Nepal.—(Reuter.)

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

SIR FRANCIS CAMPBELL.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Durban, Dec. 28, 11.5 p.m.

Sir Francis Campbell of the Foreign Office is dead.—Reuter. [Sir Francis Campbell, who was born in 1852, has been assistant Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs since 1902.]

CAPTAIN FORLESSE.

Durban, Dec. 28, 4.20 p.m.

The death is announced of Captain Forlesse, R.N.—Reuter.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

GOTCH AND MUNRO.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Via Durban, Dec. 28, 10.15 a.m.

Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, defeated Munro. He secured straight falls, the first in twelve minutes and the second in eight minutes five seconds, each being gained with the half-nelson crotch hold.—(Reuter.)

POISONED PAUPERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OCCURRENCE.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Via Bombay, Dec. 28, 2.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Berlin reports that numbers of paupers in a municipal shelter are suffering from poisoning, and thirty-six have died. It is supposed the poisoning is due to the paupers' own provisions.—(Reuter.)

FIFTY DEATHS.

Bombay, Dec. 29.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that there are over a hundred cases and fifty deaths. Fresh cases are constantly recurring.

A post mortem has shown that death was due to bacterial poisoning, but it is most uncertain how it was produced.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

A MOROCCAN SCANDAL.

ACCUSED ACQUITTED.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Durban, Dec. 28, 4.20 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Consular Court at Ujda has acquitted M. Destailleur and the others arrested in connection with what was known as the Moroccan Scandal.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DIET OPENED.

THE ALLIANCE.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Tokio, Dec. 28, 2.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Tokio states that the Emperor of Japan in opening the Diet referred to the increasingly friendly feeling between Japan and the Powers. He expressed high satisfaction at the renewal of the treaty with Great Britain.

AUSTRIA'S POLICY.

AN IMPORTANT SPEECH.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Bombay, Dec. 29.

Reuter's Vienna correspondent states that Count von Aehrenthal, addressing the Committee of the Hungarian Delegation said that to enable Austria-Hungary to safeguard her interests and support the influence of her allies for general peace, an increase of the effective army by 30,000 men would be required.

He urged the Parliaments to pass the necessary Bills promptly and thus promote the eminently pacific objects of Austria-Hungary's foreign policy.

The Minister for War followed and strongly supported Count von Aehrenthal's contentions.

Count von Aehrenthal said that he hoped that the endeavours of the Powers to secure peace between Italy and Turkey would eventually be successful. It was desirable that such peace should maintain the force and authority of Turkey intact, and thus constitute a fresh guarantee of peaceable relations between Turkey and the Balkan States.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

U.S.A. POLITICS.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN OPENS.

(Service to the "Telegraph.")

Durban, Dec. 28, 7.35 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Cleveland, Senator La Follette, the progressive republican candidate for the Presidency opened his western campaign at Ohio, attacking the trusts, and their power over government legislation and the law courts.

He also denounced the Payne-Aldrich Tariff Bill, and the Aldrich Monetary Reform, as increasing the power of the trusts.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, Dec. 28.

Wong Ching-wai has declined to accept the post of Governor-General of Canton. He is prepared to return and to give his services to the new Government, but not as Governor-General. The Cleveland tourists arrived here yesterday and were given a hearty welcome by the people. They were entertained at Tung-yuen by the new officials. Several hundred special sedan chairs had been engaged for the visitors.

Wong Hing and Wu Han-man have telegraphed to Canton deprecating reprisals upon Tang Shao-yi's family and clan because he acted as Imperial Peace Commissioner. They state that Tang is really in favour of a republic. Orders have been issued by the acting Governor-General to the troops not to molest the Tang clan.

HERE SENTIMENT.

The news that a "South African" flamingo has been shot on the Trent near the well-known landmark, the Sturton water engine, offers us an opportunity to say that no circumstances should we ever shoot a flamingo. It is mere sentiment on our part. If we had our way flamingos could go wandering about all over the place in perfect safety. The fact is, the flamingo takes us back to our boyhood's days, when a book called "The Swiss Family Robinson" engrossed our attention. We were very keen on that book. On the other hand, "Robinson Crusoe" left us cold. We simply could not go through with Defoe's alleged masterpiece. We did not care very much for "Sandford and Merton," but that was thrilling compared with the jejune saga of R. Crusoe. If any book ran "The Swiss Family" close, it was a romance entitled "The Wild West." But "The Wild West" was wanting in something, it struck us, and that something, we fancy (while it certainly was not tomahawks, which flew on every page), was flamingos. Through out all the strange experiences which befell the Swiss Family, whose names we forgot, on the island of which the latitude and longitude are as shadowy as those of Prague to us, there was a background of inscrutable flamingos that appeared to make the whole thing desirable. When we see a flamingo we always call a cab and tell the driver to drive us to the wreck for permission. No, we should never shoot a flamingo. The "Globe."

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ing the following Special Resolution
carried at the Extraordinary General
Meeting of Members held on SATUR-
DAY, the 25th December, 1911,
viz.—

That the words "Kiangwan" Race
Club (Shanghai) be added to Rule 1,
Part 1 of the Rules of Racing.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 26th Dec., 1911. [1562]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE dates of the ANNUAL RACE
MEETING originally fixed for
the 13th, 14th and 15th February,
1912, and altered to one week later
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TUESDAY 20th, THURSDAY
22nd and FRIDAY 23rd February,
1912, thereby coinciding with the
usual holidays following the Chinese
New Year.

The Entries will CLOSE one week
later than the date already fixed, viz.,
SATURDAY, the 20th January,
1912.

In all other respects the programme
as issued will stand.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1911. [1561]

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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Irreconcilable South.
But in China we must remem-
ber that it was Kansuh braves of
the Manchus who tried to destroy
the ambassadors of foreign nations,
and that only the other day some
of their troops fired upon the Red
Cross hospital; and even upon
those who were at work trying to
alleviate the pains of the wound-
ed. There is little wonder,
therefore, that those who have
these thoughts in their minds
should speak them out, though
such a departure from recognised
usage would be unpardonable in
any other people and from
any other pen. What we
are most interested in though,
after reading the above article,
is the spirit that is breath-
ed through the words. They
are typical of many others that
might be quoted, and invariably
the object of the writer is to stir
up the people and urge them for-
ward to an attack on the capital
without pity for the sufferings of
those who would be wounded or
condemned for the relatives of
those who might be slain. It is
obvious that the spirit that ani-
mates this passage is one of
unbending hostility towards the
Manchus, and nothing but their
destruction will satisfy those who
are the spokesmen of the south-
ern people.

Daily Press.

The Typhoon Signals.

In October last, a correspond-
ent writing under the de nom-
plume of "Taxpayer" asked whether
it is not time that the red
local typhoon signals were abol-
ished? These signals indicate that
the centre of a typhoon is believed
to be more than 300 miles away
from the Colony—a fact which
"Taxpayer" wrote, was of no in-
terest to any person unconnected
with shipping, and of no use what-
ever to shipping people who rely on
the very efficient code of signals
displayed on the yard-arm of the
storm signal mast at Blackhead's
Point. From the yard arm
signals a shipmaster can locate
every typhoon reported and shape
his course accordingly. The
masthead (cove, drum and ball)
signals are only useful to the
boat people and landmen, and
none of these, added "Taxpayer,"
want to be worried and upset
by typhoon scares before the
storm centre crosses the 300 mile
limit. He asserted that when
that limit is crossed, there is ample
time to repair to the typhoon
anchors or put up typhoon
shutters. At the sight of the red
signals every boatman flies to
Causeway Bay, as he knows it is
"first come, first served" there,
and if too late, he may be shut
out; then follows a day of
idleness, causing untold loss to
shipping, to boat people and
to the trade of the Colony.

South China Morning Post.

The Story of the Year.

This year 1911 has been ag-
gressively eventful. All over the
globe there have been stirring
times, and civilised nations seem
to have been trying to show just
how barbaric they can be. Wars
and rumours of wars have clashed
inharmoniously with pleas for
peace and arbitration, and
altogether there has been a
tragic turmoil amongst the
peoples and the Powers. Then
there has been widespread conflict
of the kind which is unassociated
with the boom of cannon and the
whistle of the death-dealing bullet—
that kind in which the combat-
ants arm themselves with
pride and prejudice and as much
of force as they can command.
It has been a year of mingling
cloud and sunshine in England
and the British Empire. The
outstanding occurrence has been
the crowning of King George V.
and the brilliant June Coronation
was marked by a wonderful de-
monstration of loyalty.

FRENCH MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY.

(Continued from page 4.)

The Losses.

In the first of the four hindmost carriages, containing letters and newspapers for Lyons and Cetta, few bags had been tampered with. In the second, which contained the Marseilles correspondence, a considerable number had been ripped open and despoiled of their contents. It was in the third of the last four carriages that the criminals' work was most thoroughly carried out. This van contained the bags for the East, chiefly China and Indo-China, and the registered parcels and letters are said to have been of great value since the French mail packet's departure from Marseilles takes place to-day, and the bags of Friday and Saturday night are usually heavy. Furthermore the mails from the north of France and from England are carried by this train. This fact and the manner in which the special trap-door leading from the look-out box into the van was opened seem to show that the perpetrator of the crime was a person who was familiar with the working of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean Railway service.

Practically no registered letters or parcels of value were left behind by the thieves in the 50 bags that were opened by them. An official bag from the Ministry of War to the Military Commandant at Marseilles was taken, but a French Foreign Office bag addressed to the French Embassy in Constantinople was left. While it will not be possible for some days to find out the value of the contents of the registered parcels and letters, the amount of the thief's booty has been roughly estimated at several thousand pounds.

Inquiry Opened.

The Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs, M. Chaumet, paid a visit to the Paris terminus of the Lyons line, and an investigation has been opened there and also at Lyons and at Marseilles by the police. Various theories are current as to where and how the thief or thieves entered and left the train. If there was only one thief he might have effected an entrance during the long wait in the Gare de Lyon at Paris and have concealed himself in one of the guards' look-out boxes in order to carry out his theft as opportunities occurred after the departure of the train. If there were several thieves, and if the employé who visited the four rear carriages at Dijon did his work properly, it is probable that the gang got into the train on the side away from the platform at Dijon, entered a van from the look-out box when the train had got under way, and left it again as it slowed down for stopping at Marseilles.

British and Other Mails.

The Caledonian, the French mail boat for Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, China and Japan, with connection to Australia and New Caledonia, left Marseilles to-day with the bags which had not been rifled on board. The English mails dispatched from London on Friday evening to be carried by the Caledonian will presumably have travelled by yesterday's mail train from Paris to Marseilles, and will therefore not have been affected by the robbery. The mails for Brindisi travelling by the train on which the robbery was committed were in a separate van, which was detached at Dijon, and are reported safe. On the other hand, any mails for the French packet Cal-

donien which were, as is usual, dispatched from London or from Paris a day in advance, in order to relieve the pressure on the final train before the packet's departure from Marseilles, will doubtless have been ransacked by the robbers.

The Robbers' Methods.

The mail train which was robbed ordinarily travels at about 50 miles an hour, and it was obviously impossible that the thieves should have entered or left it when it was going at that rate. So far as the inquiries have gone, there is no evidence that any of the booty was thrown out of the train while it was in motion. There was only one point on the journey where speed was slackened to any considerable extent. This was a little before Laroche, where the permanent way is being repaired. At this point a man running, it is stated, could have kept up with the train, and an enterprising robber might have either boarded or left it. But it is likewise stated that both at Laroche and at Dijon the vans from which the robbery was effected were inspected by the officials, who found nothing amiss. It is, therefore, concluded that the robbery must have taken place between Dijon and Marseilles.

After Dijon there were only eight carriages on the train. Four of these were ordinary sorting vans with Post Office officials constantly moving about in them. The four others were supplementary vans known in France as *alleges*. These four vans were only visited from time to time by the officials, in order to remove bags for sorting purposes, or to replace them after their contents were sorted. They were, however, like the sorting vans, lighted all night, which must have facilitated the task of the robbers, and at the same time have increased the risk of their being interrupted.

According to a telegram from Marseilles to-night, bags from London and other towns in England were among those which were rifled in the mail train robbery.

THE DISAPPEARING JEWS OF CHINA.

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"The early annals tell of them, and there is good reason to believe that they have been in China two thousand years. But for three centuries they have gathered at this capital, and have degenerated with it. Two hundred years ago they had a handsome block of buildings, with a synagogue sixty by forty. Sixty years ago they had suffered by a great flood, and only two hundred Jews were left. In 1886, Dr. Martin found that they had pulled down all their buildings and sold the materials, some being built into a mosque. A later observer reported that some had turned Buddhist, some Moslem, and some were studying the Confucian classics. To-day we found that only seven families remained; the very soil had been sold, and is being carted away to raise the level of other parts, so that stagnant pond covers the ancient site. The wretched survivors seem to go their living by transporting the earth; though they so far recollect their past as to have a few rabbings of the former inscriptions to sell. Their religion has evaporated, for they have no Hebrew scrolls, and could not read them; if they had, only they still eat pork, nor worship idols, nor burn incense to their ancestors. Israel in Kaifong is a has-been."



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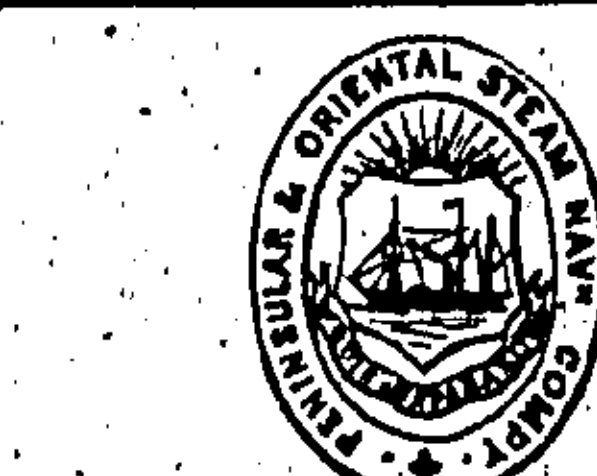
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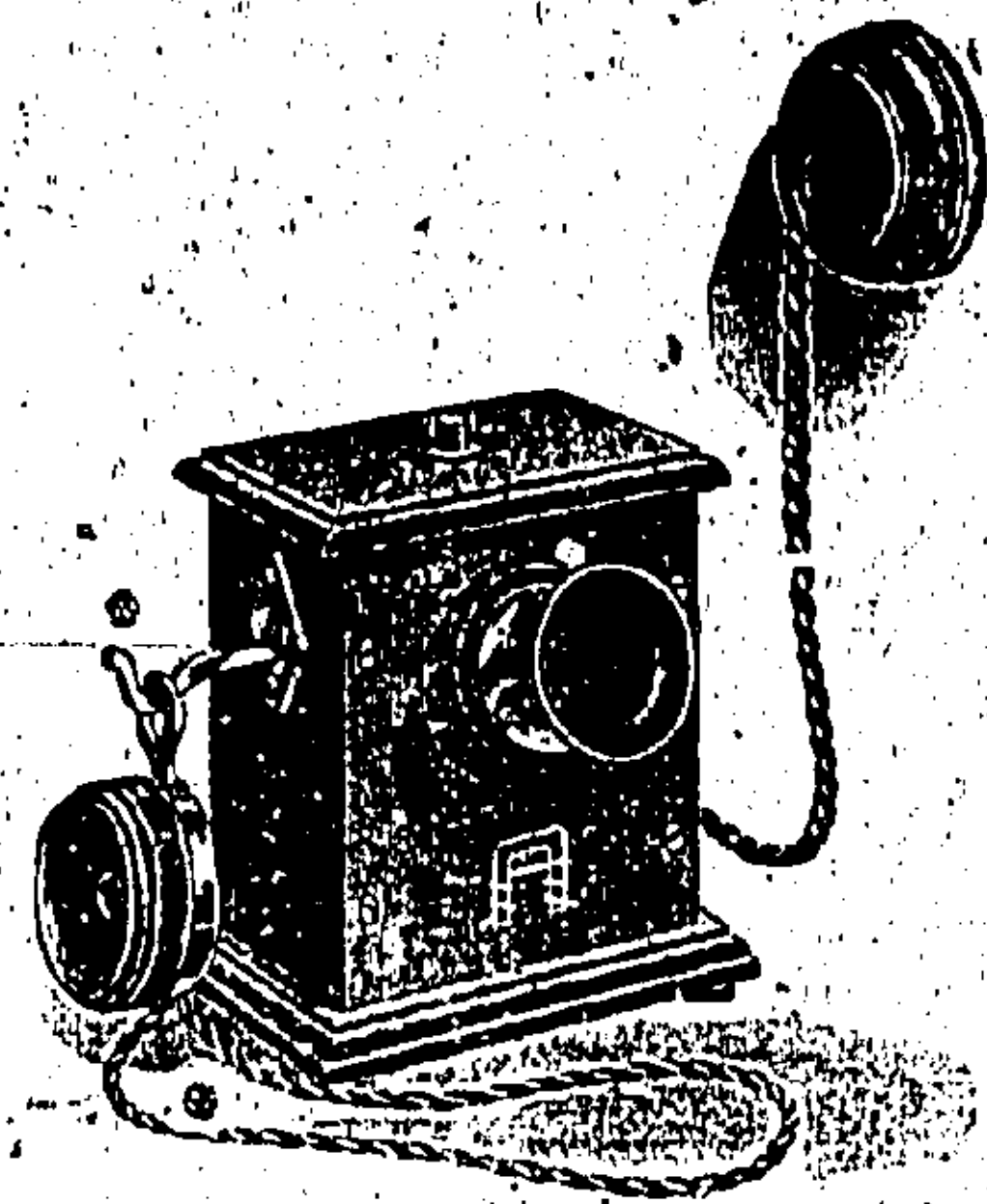
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RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

The recent abrogation of the commercial treaty between America and Russia directs attention to the fact that there has been a traditional friendship, strained at times but still binding, between the Republic and the Tsar's Empire. One of the anomalies of world relations has been the fact that two of the warmest friends that Russia has had are the two great republics, the United States and France. It seems strange that Governments so entirely different in form and in aspiration should form close ties, but so it has been. Russo-American relations were less cordial during the late war owing to the strong pro-Japanese sentiment that existed in the States during the earlier stages of the struggle, but any resentment that Russia may have felt has passed away. The abrogation of the treaty, however, brings upon the topic a question that will require extremely delicate handling. The treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia secured equal rights for the citizens of the one and the subjects of the other. Russia, it is claimed, has wanted to violate that treaty by refusing to issue passports to American citizens who happened to be Jews. According to one American writer:—

"For more than 30 years Russia has been fooling the United States.

"Russia violated the treaty with the United States and introduced in this country a system of religious inquisition. Any American desiring to enter Russia must pass a religious test at the Russian Consulate here.

"When American Presidents and Secretaries of State pointed out to Russia that she was violating the terms of the treaty Russia replied by cunning evasions. All diplomatic overtures were put off by Russia's promises that a special commission was appointed to deal with the subject.

"American Presidents and American Secretaries of State, American Senators and American Congressmen stated that Russia was violating the treaty of 1832. The Russian Government evaded the issue, deceiving the American diplomats for more than 30 years with promises of reform to be introduced by a certain 'Special Commission,' which was 'always to report' very soon."

If this is a fair statement of the facts America seems to have been wonderfully patient and the wonder is, not that the treaty has been abrogated, but that it has been allowed to remain in force so long. The moral support of all enlightened countries will be given to America. The Jews have long since lost their disabilities in progressive lands and they have proved themselves useful, law-abiding citizens. The contest is one between enlightenment and prejudice; may enlightenment prevail.

DAY BY DAY.

Good intentions are often too good to be true.

H.M.S. Olio is due to arrive at Hongkong this afternoon.

The English Mail of the 25th November, was delivered in London on the 23rd inst.

Two Chinese women for causing obstructions in Cleverley St. with trucks, were each fined \$10 or, in default, 7 days at the Magistrate's day.

Two Chinese were charged at the Magistrate's day with having in their possession a quantity of opium on board the s.s. Chenan. One man was fined \$45 and the other \$54.

On Christmas Day the Choir of St. John's Cathedral were photographed prior to Matins. The picture is for presentation to the Rev. F. T. Johnson, who is shortly leaving.

The vacancies in the Cathedral Choir are now in a fair way to being filled up. Quite a lot of talent has been found among the soldiers who arrived during the last troping season.

The Christian Science Services starting Sunday, Dec. 31, will be held in the Music Room of the City Hall, on Sundays at 11.15 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 5.30 p.m. until the new office is ready for services.

At the Magistrate's this morning before Mr. Irving a Chinese was charged with breaking into and entering 205, Queen's Road East, and stealing \$13.80. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Diss Bros. sued J. T. Ivers in the Summary Court this morning to recover the sum of \$110. Mr. Stephens on behalf of the plaintiffs said that a letter had been received admitting the debt. On the claim being proved, judgment was entered for the plaintiffs with costs.

We have received from the P. & O. Co. a copy of their Diary and Almanac for 1912. It is attractively got up and contains a mass of information useful to intending passengers and others. A splendid photograph of the R.M.S. Maloja forms the frontispiece.

H. M. cruiser Royal Arthur, Captain Fanshawe, arrived from England via Colombo yesterday, says the "Straits Times" of Dec. 21, escorting the destroyers Weland, Ribble and Usk. The Royal Arthur returns to England from Singapore, and the three destroyers proceed to the China station.

In this week's Small Cause list, there were no less than twenty-one Chinese who were sued by the Colonial Treasurer for Crown rent, amounting in all to \$1,662. 17. When the actions were called on before the Puisse Judge in the Summary Court this morning, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the Crown Solicitor, informed his Lordship that most of the claims had been settled.

At Cambridge, on November 19, a brass tablet was unveiled by the Master of Peterhouse in the College Chapel in memory of Dr. Arthur Jackson, who died at Mukden, Manchuria, in January last, in his brave efforts to stem the advance of the plague into China. The sermon was preached by Canon Armour, D.D., formerly Headmaster of Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, of which school Dr. Jackson was a pupil.

"Tit-Bits" of November 25 contains the following:—The romantic appeal for a wife (shown in an accompanying illustration) was scratched on the inside of the lid of a tin of pineapple previous to being soldered down by a young Irish tin-smith engaged in a pineapple packer's warehouse in Singapore. Cupid did the rest, for the tin found its way to a young Irish lady in the north of London, who opened up a correspondence with the tin-smith and ultimately journeyed to Singapore and married him.

H. PRICE & Co., Ltd.

Extraordinary Meeting.

A second extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of H. Price & Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's office at noon today, for the purpose of confirming the special resolution passed at the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on December 14, re the alteration of the Company's name from H. Price & Co., Ltd., to Gaude, Price & Co., Ltd., the increase of Capital and other matters. Mr. Chan Kai-ming, Chairman of Directors, presided. Others present were:—Messrs. A. Ramjahn, Managing Director, J. U. Blake, D. Ramjahn, A. R. Lowe and O. Bond, Secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting, and the resolutions before the shareholders.

The Chairman said:—You are invited here today for the purpose of confirming the special resolutions which came before you on Dec. 24 at our last meeting—that is, a fortnight ago. These resolutions have just been read to you by the Secretary. I propose that these resolutions be confirmed.

Mr. Blake—I have much pleasure in seconding.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

THE PRACTICE OF ADJOURNMENT.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Summary Court this morning, the case was mentioned in which F. Blackhead & Co. are seeking to recover from the Globe Hotel the sum of \$488.35.

Mr. P. W. Goldring said that the defendants admitted the debt. There was no defence.

Mr. Ho (for the defendant)—We have not admitted the debt.

Mr. Goldring—The defendants admitted it to me.

Mr. Ho—I ask for particulars. Mr. Goldring—I supplied him with particulars weeks ago. It is a great hardship for my clients. We gave the defendants a week or a fortnight to pay. The claim is for goods and wine supplied.

Mr. Ho—There can be no hardship.

Mr. Goldring—If my friend consents to judgment, I will agree to a stay.

Mr. Ho—He is not running away.

Mr. Goldring—There is more than one case against him. We want our money as soon as possible.

Mr. Ho—They all want their money as soon as possible. (Laughter).—The claim says: "Balance due for goods sold and delivered." I don't know how the amount has been arrived at.

Mr. Goldring—Quibbling is out of place in this Court.

His Lordship—It may or may not be, but he wants an adjournment and that is the usual practice of the Court.

Mr. Goldring—It is a great hardship to have short causes adjourned. It will take five minutes to decide the issue.

His Lordship—I don't know. Sometimes they put up such a strenuous defence, that it takes two or three days to decide the case (Laughter).

Mr. Goldring—There is no defence to this case.

Mr. Ho—I don't know.

Mr. Goldring—Pardon me, my Lord, for mentioning the matter, but I have felt it for some time that plaintiffs suffer great hardship through this practice of adjourning short causes.

His Lordship—It would be better to make a representation.

Mr. Goldring—I think so. The case was adjourned.

SPORT.

Hongkong Cricket League.

The following is the League table to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts
1 Civil Service	7	6	1	—	18
2 Kowloon	8	4	3	1	15
3 Craigongover	6	3	1	2	11
4 R.E.	5	2	2	1	7
5 R.G.A.	8	1	2	3	6
6 H.K. Police	5	2	3	—	6
7 K.O.Y.L.I.	7	1	4	2	5
8 Naval Yard	8	1	5	—	3
N.B.—A win 3 points.					
A draw 1 point.					

GOODS SUPPLIED.

The case was mentioned before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Puisse Judge, at the Summary Court this morning in which A. S. Watson & Co. sued J. H. Newbold to recover the sum of \$387.61 for goods supplied.

Mr. M. J. D. Stephens said that he was not aware that the hearing had been fixed so late as January 24. He thought it was December 24. His clients might be injured and he asked for an earlier date to be fixed.

His Lordship said there was no earlier date available. If there was any likelihood of the defendant leaving the Colony, he could make a special application in Chambers.

Mr. Stephens—There is difficulty about payment.

His Lordship—Defendant is not being sued by any other party—at least, not in this Court.

Mr. Stephens—We tried to come to an arrangement for payment yesterday, but he refused.

Mr. Gardiner (for the defendant) at this point raised the question of costs for the day's attendance.

Mr. Stephens—If he chooses to pay costs, well and good. (Laughter).

Mr. Gardiner—I don't think he will choose.

His Lordship declined to alter the date fixed for the hearing of the action.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Hongkong Rifle League was held last night at the Volunteer Headquarters.

Several alterations were made to the Rules. It was also agreed that the League should undertake the selection of the Team and all local arrangements for the Annual Interport Match, and should endeavour to raise funds by means of Concerts, Subscriptions, etc., to cover the expenses of this annual event, as well as for the provision of a suitable League Trophy.

Captain Northcote, H.K.V.O., Hon. Sec., will gladly receive contributions to the fund.

Entries have been received from the following Clubs:—

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H.M.S. Monmouth.

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Dockyard.

Volunteer Reserves.

Taikoo.

At the close of the meeting Dr. E. Evan-Jones presented silver badges to the Minotaur team who stand at the top of the League for 1911.

FRENCH MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY.

A Daring Crime.

A correspondent writing from Paris on Nov. 19 says:—

A daring robbery was effected on the night mail train from Paris to Marseilles in the early hours of yesterday morning. The train consisted of eight mail vans, the four last of which the necessary sorting of bags had been done before the departure from Paris at 8.40 p.m. The personnel, consisting of 26 sorters, worked after the train had started in the four leading carriages, and it was at Maceon, the sixth place of stoppage on the journey from Paris, that the robbery was discovered by a sorter who carried a bag from the leading into the rear portion of the train. The train was about to restart at the moment of the discovery of the theft, and it was not till the train stopped again at Lyons that the police were informed. All the carriages had been visited at Dijon, where the train is due half an hour after midnight, and nothing unusual was observed. The robbery was, therefore, probably carried out between then and 2.52 a.m., the hour at which Maceon is reached. The glass was broken in one of the look-out boxes on the top of one of the vans, and it was evidently through this that the thief or thieves effected an entry. In the last carriage of the train a guard was seated in the look-out box, and there nothing had been touched.

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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

SUN YAT-SEN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 20, 3.55 p.m.

Sun Yat-sen has been elected President of the Republic of China by the Nanking Military Assembly by 17 votes to one.

He has accepted the post.

A NAVAL WEDDING.

A very pretty Naval wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church yesterday. The contracting parties were Lt. Francis Edmund Blechynden Hazellott, R.N., of H. M. S. Merlin and Miss Winifred Elizabeth Fulcher, daughter of Captain W. Fulcher of the Middlesex Regiment. The bride, who looked charming in her long-trimmed gown of white satin trimmed with pearl embroidery and chiffon with a girdle of pearls, was given away by Lieutenant and Commander Hancock, R.N., while Lieutenant Bennett, R.N., attended the bridegroom as best man. The bride wore a tulle embroidered veil over a coronet of orange blossoms and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. She was followed to the altar by a little bridesmaid, Miss Bridget Phelps, while Master Kenneth Hancock acted as page, attired in a Jack Tar suit. After the ceremony, at which Father Watson officiated, Lieutenant and Commander Hancock received the happy pair and their friends at No. 1 Macdonnell Road. The bride left for her honeymoon, which will be spent at Macao, in a very pretty gown of white lace and union with a cream cloth coat and a pink and white hat trimmed with lace and moss-roses.

Flags are being flown in the principal streets to-day because the election of the President of the Chinese Republic is being held.

Progress with the typhoon shelter at Mongkoktsui is now beginning to be more apparent than in the first few months. A warning has been issued from the Harbour Office stating that the entrances marked with lights must be now used, as the mound of rubble is now only just below the surface of the water.

The new rupees with King George's head have been issued. The King-Emperor's head and shoulders appear and he is wearing his crown. The inscription is "George V King-Emperor." On the reverse is a wide scroll inside which is "One Rupee India 1911" with "one rupee" in Urdu below.

We feel sure, says the "Sarnyak Gazette," that the news which arrived by this last mail of the engagement of Miss Caroline Sharp will be received with pleasure by her friends out here. We hear that Miss Sharp is to be married at the end of next month to Mr. H. Craig, a gentleman in the Colonial Service, Hongkong, whose acquaintance she made on the voyage home, and that after the wedding they will not return to the East but settle in the south of England.

A number of prosecutions were conducted before Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master, at the Marine Court today. The master of the steam launch America was fined \$5 or 14 days and ordered to pass a further examination before his certificate is returned to him for disregarding the rule of the road. Two previous convictions were recorded against him. A fisherman was fined \$10 or 14 days for using his net for dredging purposes and the net were confiscated. Fines ranging from \$1 to \$30 were also imposed on masters of steam-launches for other minor offences.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Prince Min's Abduction.

For some time past the revolutionaries have been obviously suffering from lack of funds. Appeals have been sent out broadcast, and apparently with but meagre results, so that the latest development—the decoying of Prince Min—though unforeseen, may be looked upon as a natural outcome of the existing state of affairs. Thanks to the novelist and short story writer, being held to ransom is much of romance about it, save for the person most immediately concerned, but rarely does the decoyer reap any great benefit except in such cases as that of the notorious Raimul whose misdeeds procured him advancement in this world, whatever he may get in the next. It looks as though in this instance, the revolutionaries are quite as badly off as before, for they do not appear to have held Prince Min until the bank had honoured his endorsement. In any event the occurrence has a double significance. It shows to what unconstitutional depths the revolutionaries will go on one hand, and on the other the lack of business foresight in not holding the Prince's person until the money had been handed over. Neither speaks well for the capacity of the would-be rulers of China—always assuming that the decoyers were really revolutionaries and not unprincipled persons using the popularity of the movement to cloak their misdeeds.

The Proper Course.

Legislative bodies in which one side possesses a solid majority are sometimes apt to pass legislation quite regardless of the protests of the minority. That fortunately was not the attitude taken up by our Legislative Council yesterday. By sheer weight of numbers any legislation could be pushed through, but His Excellency the Governor has shown very clearly that he is opposed to the use of force rather than reason and would prefer to see legislation postponed than have it adopted without fair consideration. This has not always been the case, even here. In the Homeland it is notorious that a measure of such importance as the Insurance Bill was "quilted" through and emerged from the House in such a condition that the peers declined all responsibility and passed it as a matter of form. The course laid out by the Governor is much the wiser one from every point of view.

The Badge.

The discussion on the proposed alteration in the Colony badge at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was nothing if not interesting, for a decidedly good defence was made out by the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross for the old badge, and a novel attack made on the proposed form, by the Hon. Mr. Osborne. While the latter's criticism of the characters was to the point, the suggestion of the first named was more useful, inasmuch as it mentioned a concrete example of what the badge should be in the small oval shape below the crest of arms on the notes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. This certainly is more artistic than the old badge, but even here there is a mass of trivial detail which would detract from the general merit of the design as a badge. The Hon. Mr. Pollock's remark that the badge should not be a sealed book to foreigners and Chinese alike was particularly apposite and the criticism of the first speaker shows that it would be. It now remains for the artistic minds of the Colony to evolve some good design as invited by His Excellency. Talking of bad designs reminds us of a story in which the late Mr. E. M. Ward, R.A., is said to have perpetrated a ludicrous mistake. In the corridor leading to the House of Commons there is a picture by this famous artist depicting the landing of Charles II at Dover in 1660. Charles is seen supported by his coat of arms, a standard bearer who bears aloft not the Royal Standard, but the Union Jack. The point is that the latter flag did not exist in the time of the Merry Monarch.

THE SINGAPORE POLICE.

Dissatisfaction reaches Climax.

The following is from the "Straits Times" of Dec. 19:—The dissatisfaction that has been simmering among the European police forces of the Straits Settlements for years past has been brought to a climax by the announcement that a new scale of pay will be introduced, with the new year, and, bad as the existing conditions undoubtedly are, the proposed new scale is stated to be much worse. At present European constables start at £120 a year and rise by increments of £10 a year to £150; as a sergeant his pay ranges from £180 to £180. There are three grades of inspectors, receiving respectively £200 in the third class, £225 in the second and £240-260 in the third. Those rates have always compared unfavourably with the F.M.S. scale, and they have been the cause of numerous complaints. Early this year a strongly-worded petition was sent to the Inspector-General for consideration and transmission to the Executive Council of the Colony, but no reply has ever been received to it. The men have been told it is "still being considered," but the announcement of the new scale rather negates the possibility of any good result coming from the petition for increased pay. By the new proposals no benefit is to be derived; the men state that they lose varying proportions of their already scanty pay, in some cases £5 a year and in others as much as £20 a year.

There are other incidental grievances that have inspired the present feeling of discontent and have been responsible for the numerous desertions that have occurred within the last year, and those were discussed at a mass meeting of the European police yesterday. The result of that meeting was strikingly evident to-day. With possibly one unavoidable exception the whole of the European force suspended work this forenoon and waited upon Inspector-General Cusack, who has just returned from Labuan. The rawest recruits and the oldest inspectors were banded together in absolute unanimity, making the one really well-combined protest in the whole of the protracted agitation. Their object was not to lay their grievances before the I.G.P., but to insist on being allowed to carry their case personally before the Executive Council of the Straits Settlements.

Mr. Cusack, it may be said, received his men sympathetically and promised to do what he could to arrange a basis of settlement; but beyond the point of demanding a conference with the Council the men would not go. In the end the I.G.P. left to interview the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. R. J. Wilkinson) and the men dispersed. They will re-assemble to-morrow forenoon to receive the authorities. The prospective result appears to be obvious. The unanimity of men makes their position very strong, and they are determined to carry the matter to the extent of striking if need be. The former timidity that kept the married men, in particular, from taking part in any forcible agitation has disappeared, and it would appear that the strength of the present movement will compel the Government to put the force on a new footing in regard to pay and prospects of promotion.

Our contemporary said the following day:—If some of the ardent spirits had their way, there would be no European police below the rank of Superintendent on duty in Singapore to-day. Many of the younger men feel the unsatisfactory conditions very keenly; they have found that the prevailing circumstances are vastly different to what they imagined when they signed on in Europe; and the effect is that they were, yesterday, in a mood for striking. Only the cautious counsel of the older men, the inspectors who have been hardened to the situation by long experience, restrained them.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following is a continuation of the report of the meeting of the Legislative Council held over yesterday:—

The committee stage of the bill to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance was resumed, the Director of Public Works detailing certain alterations which had been deemed desirable.

His Excellency stated that when they introduced the bill the Government had no intention whatever of introducing a controversial bill without reference to architects and others concerned. At the previous meeting their learned friend (the Hon. Mr. Pollock) called attention to a number of points which were certainly very controversial. He (his Excellency) therefore asked the Director of Public Works to consult with architects and others informally before that day's meeting, with a view to bringing forward such amendments as might meet with general approval. If there should still be points which were highly controversial he should prefer to abandon them, and be content to have passed such amendments to the bill as might be included in the Revision Ordinance, which would go to the end of December.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, speaking as the only member of the Sanitary Board on the Council, said he was originally prepared to accept the bill, but he had since seen some of the architects and they had convinced him that at least two clauses should be dropped altogether and another much amended.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the senior Unofficial Member, said he and his Unofficial colleagues were unanimous in considering that four clauses of the bill, Nos. 6, 7, 8, and 9, contained contentious matter, and they would like time to consider them. Generally, they were of opinion the clauses conferred too much absolute power on the Building Authority, and should be amended in such a way as to safeguard the rights of property owners, protect the interests of authorised architects and so on. Under those circumstances, if his Excellency saw no objection, and he thought there was no reason why the bill should be hurried through, except the earlier clause—the sections referred to could be deleted. The Government could at a future date, if they thought it necessary, bring forward a fresh bill, which could then be given full discussion. He moved that clauses 6, 7, 8, and 9 be struck out of the bill.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded. The Unofficial members, he said, were certainly of opinion that the clauses should be dropped, at any rate for the present.

His Excellency: The Government is willing, as I have already stated, to drop any clauses which are highly contentious.

The Attorney-General remarked that perhaps if he explained more fully the proposed amendments to the ordinance the Unofficial Members might withdraw some of the opposition.

The Hon. Mr. Pollock asked if the Attorney-General was in order in view of His Excellency's remarks.

The Attorney-General, however, was allowed to offer his explanations, to which, of course, a deaf ear was turned.

His Excellency agreed to leave the four clauses out, and the bill—all that was left of it—was passed through committee. On Council resuming it was read a third time and finally approved—as amended.

The ordinance to provide for the issue by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, of bills and notes payable to bearer on demand was read a second and third times and passed. During the discussion in committee it was mentioned that no authority was given for the issue of one dollar notes, which had come under the ban of the Home Government.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett asked for it to be put on record that the Council considered the dollar note most useful, and hoped the Secretary of State would see his way to change his views on the matter when those of the present issue are used up.

The Standing Orders were suspended to permit of three bills passing through all their stages. They were to amend the Law Revision Ordinance, 1911; to amend the Law Amendment Ordinance, 1911; and further to amend the Foreign Offenders Detention Ordinance, 1872. The bill to

amend the Statute Laws (New Revised Edition) Ordinance, 1911, was read a third time and passed, after being considered clause by clause in committee.

Two other votes recommended by His Excellency were £38,219 in respect to the Law Courts and \$84,529 in respect to the Post Office.

These two financial minutes were mentioned by His Excellency at the opening of the Council meeting. The Colonial Secretary, he said, would give full explanations regarding the amounts in Finance Committee. He had at first intended to lay on the table at that meeting a statement in full detail, but he thought it better to appoint a Commission to inquire into the whole circumstances of the various supplementary votes which had been asked for since the inception of the two undertakings. Of that Commission, the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thompson) would be chairman. By the kind permission of the General Officer Commanding, Col. St. John would sit on the Commission, and the other members would be Mr. Murray Stewart and the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross. The Commission would meet as soon as possible. He recommended the Council to pass the two votes now before them, and defer any criticism which might arise until they had the report of the Commission, which would sit during the early part of next year.

In Finance Committee, the Hon. Mr. Pollock said he should like to know when the work on the Law Courts was going to be finished.

The Director of Public Works: It is practically finished now. There is just the finishing off to be done.

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai: Will they be completed before the Chinese New Year?

The Director of Public Works: Yes, I think so, beyond all doubt. The votes were approved without dissent.

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In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery and one collection of letters on Sunday.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Only fully pre-paid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The s.s. Prim, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

A Mail will close for—

Hongkong and Haiphong (taking Mail for Pakhoi)—Per Sunking, 30th Dec., 8 a.m.

Kowloon, Yapi, Hainan, Saigon, Truk, Pohna, Kusaie, Jaluit, Nauru, Rabaul and Sydney—Per Germania, 30th Dec., 9 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Loong-sung, 30th Dec., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lightning, 30th Dec., 2 p.m.

Manila, Kiangtse, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Rabi, 30th Dec., 3 p.m.

Batavia—Per Prim, 30th Dec., 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, An-gar, Yap, Friederich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbersthohe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, H. Hart, Launceston, New Zealand, Pineda, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Penang—Per Prinz Sigismund, 30th Dec., 4 p.m.

Wei-hai-wei and Ching-oo—Per Shansi, 30th Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daig-mari, 31st Dec., 9 a.m.

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Jessalon and Sandakan—Per Maun-sang, 31st Dec., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 31st Dec., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Choy-sung, 1st Jan., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Seattle—Per Tamba-maru, 2nd Jan., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUNICORIN—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Australia, 2nd Jan., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kuei-show, 2nd Jan., 3 p.m.

Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 2nd Jan., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Chio-lu, 4th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 6th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco—Per Persia, 6th Jan., noon.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Wip-sang, 6th Jan., 1 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

MAIL BOX.

American, Korea 2nd prox.

American, China 23rd prox.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Korea, from San Francisco, sailed from Yokohama on the 28th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive on the 2nd prox. She will be dispatched from this port on the 12th prox. at 1 p.m., for San Francisco via Shanghai, N. gaaki, Koba, Yokohama, Yokohama and Honolulu.

ARRIVALS.

Budlow, Ger. s.s., 5,033, H. Forman, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., and Singapore 24th Dec., Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s., 1,814, D. Lenz, 28th Dec.—Yokohama 22nd Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,311, J. W. Evans, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kuei-show, Br. s.s., 1,632, E. Forsyth, 29th Dec.—Manila 26th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Foo Shing, Br. s.s., 1,423, W. D. Walsh, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Olara Jensen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, A. Uldrup, 29th Dec.—Canton 28th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HAR-BOUR OFFICE.

Cleveland, for Nagasaki, sailing for Swatow.

Baron Halfour, for Whimoon, Landrat-Schiff, for Bangkok.

Kyongso, for Amoy.

Footsing, for Port Cocker.

Prinz Sigismund, for Manila.

Bulow, for Shanghai.

Swang Dec, for Amoy.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 20.

Tsuyo-maru, for San Francisco.

Hongmoh, for Amoy.

Kinto, for Shanghai.

Choy-sung, for Canton.

Linn, for Canton.

Haiyang, for Coast Ports.

Carl Diederichsen, for Hoihow.

Landrat-Schiff, for Bangkok.

Tsuen-maru No. 4, for Mito.

Rokkusan-maru, for Takao.

Kyongso, for Shanghai.

Derwort, for Swatow.

Swang Dec, for Rangoon.

Cleveland, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Haiyang, arrived 20th Dec., from Swatow—

Blundy, Rev. Mr. Chapman, Mrs. & Mrs.

Per s.s. Budlow, arrived 28th Dec., from Bremen, &c.:

Anlon, A. B.

Au Yung-wing

Buermann, E.

Bucher, Dr. H.

Brenner, G.

Bleker, K.

Cavanagh, Miss

Francis

Cho Pao-ten

Dierke, O.

Drost, W.

Fressel, Mrs. E.

Rabiger, Colonel A.

Flanagan, Mr. and

Mrs. G. E.

Granberg, H. M.

Ginkil, S. Van

Gebhard, Dr. K.

Huterhuber, A.

Hochholz, O.

THE SINGAPORE POLICE.

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To-day the men have the satisfaction of knowing that their views are being expressed, probably with some force, to the highest authority in the Colony. Following their representations to Inspector-General Casenden yesterday, the latter saw the Colonial Secretary and it was arranged that the Officer Administering the Government should receive a deputation of the men, comprising a representative of each rank, to-day. The decision was conveyed to the men at a mass meeting which was held at the Police Bureau, Pearl's Hill, last night. The message conveying the information stated that it was not the Government's intention to reduce salaries, but to raise them, and the deputation would visit Government House with the object of discussing the matter on a business footing. The meeting appointed the following officers to compose the deputation and represent the grievances of the various ranks, viz., Acting Chief Detective-Inspector Nolan, Acting Court Inspector Bourne, Inspector Lucas, Sergeant Molyneux, European P. C.'s Hallet and Baker, E. P. C. Hallet represents the main body of the men of his rank, while E. P. C. Baker, one of the latest batch of recruits to come East, will point out the aspects in which the promises of the Colonial agents in London fail to coincide with the actual position of affairs in Singapore. The deputation [went to Government House to-day at 11.30.

The "Singapore Free Press" of December 23 says:—The police deputation met His Excellency the Acting Governor yesterday afternoon and slightly amended terms were put before them. They were informed that those who do not accept the Government's terms will be given free passages home.

It is understood that the Inspector's terms are fairly satisfactory and will probably be accepted.

The sergeants and constables, so we have been informed, are dissatisfied and intend leaving the Colony and will either go home or seek their fortunes in Australia.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Baron Halfour, Br. s.s., 2,552, G. L. Symond, 23rd Dec.—from New York, Koro line oil—S. O. Co.

Canada, Jap. s.s., 3,769, K. Mori, 28th Dec.—Shanghai, 26th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Daigi Maru, Jap. s.s., 816, H. Murayama, 28th Dec.—Swatow 27th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Daiya Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,785, K. Kobayashi, 27th Dec.—Wakamatsu 21st Dec., Capt.—M. B. K.

Dovre, Nor. s.s., 738, Sigvald, 26th Dec.—Nagasaki 25th Dec., Gen.—Chinose.

Fausung, Br. s.s., 1,410, H. S. Mal-kin, 26th Dec.—Hongkong 24th Dec., Coal.—J. M. & Co.

Footsang, Br. s.s., 1,937, T. A. Mitchell, 27th Dec.—Calcutta 26th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Germania, Ger. s.s., 600, Jensen, 20th Dec.—Koror 16th Dec., Capt.—B. & S.

Johanna, Ger. s.s., 1,552, M. Tipland, 24th Dec.—Singapore 17th Dec. and Hoihow, 28th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

Kailong, Br. s.s., 1,997, J. V. Sidford, 22nd Dec.—Cebu, Iloilo and Manila 19th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kalgan, Br. s.s., 1,148, D. E. Davies, 17th Dec.—Wakamatsu 11th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kashang, Br. s.s., 1,143, H. E. Laver, 25th Dec.—Canton 24th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kohaiquang, Ger. s.s., 1,012, Hayanga, 26th Dec.—Bangkok and Swatow 26th Dec., Rice—B. & S.

Lightning, Br. s.s., 2,122, E. P. Smith, 10th Dec.—Singapore 19th Dec., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,771, W. Vogler, 25th Dec.—Wakamatsu 19th Dec., Coal—M. B. K.

Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leach, 26th Dec.—Manila 21st Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Mario, Ger. s.s., 1,169, Rohaluker, 18th Dec.—Spigon 13th Dec., Gen.—J. & Co.

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